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SUBJECT: DALAI LAMA VISITS STOCKHOLM

1. DALAI LAMA MET PRESS BRIEFLY UPON ARRIVAL ARLANDA AIRPORT, STOCKHOLM, OCTOBER 13 AT START OF VISIT HERE THAT WILL LAST UNTIL OCTOBER 17, DAGENS NYHETER REPORTED. ASKED FOR HIS PERSONAL OPINION ON FUTURE OF TIBET, DALAI LAMA SAID THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO ENGAGE IN ANY POLITICAL SPECULATION; RATHER, PURPOSE OF HIS TOUR OF WESTERN COUNTRIES WAS TO MEET SCHOLARS AND DISCUSS HUMAN PROBLEMS. HE TOOK OCCASION TO EXPRESS THANKS FOR INTEREST IN AND ASSISTANCE TO TIBETAN REFUGEES. MOST OF THOSE IN NORTHERN INDIA NEAR HIS PRESENT HOME, HE SAID, HAVE BY NOW BEEN ABLE TO FIND WORK, BUT SIX THOUSAND STILL REMAIN IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. DALAI LAMA COMMENTED THAT HE WAS WELL SATISFIED WITH HIS TRIP SO FAR, AND NOT LEAST OF ALL WITH PERSONAL MEETINGS HE HAS HAD.

2. DALAI LAMA WAS REPORTEDLY WHISKED AWAY FROM AIRPORT UNDER HEAVY POLICE PROTECTION TO SIGTUNA FOUNDATION, A RELIGIOUS

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ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN SIGTUNA NEAR STOCKHOLM. PRESS NOTED

THAT HE PLANNED TO VISIT WITH ARCHBISHOP OF SWEDEN, OLAF
SUNDBY.

3. MFA OFFICER CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT VISIT IS WHOLLY PRIVATE. DALAI LAMA NOT MET AT AIRPORT BY ANY GOS OFFICIALS NOR WILL HE MEET WITH ANY. AS CONDITION OF VISIT, GOS STIPULATED THAT HE MAKE NO POLITICAL STATEMENTS HERE; DALAI LAMA, ACCORDINGLY IS CONFINING HIS ACTIVITIES TO RELIGIOUS AND HUMANITARIAN MATTERS. HE WILL VISIT MALMO, JONKOPING, AND LUND WHILE IN SWEDEN.
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